

necessary to some. But we should remember that we are growing. The day of our infancy is past, and it is necessary that we learn to work systematically.

Please do not send brethren as delegates. That matter has already been twice considered at our general conference and decided. Sending them only places the sisters under the painful necessity of refusing to accept them. If any society should find itself, because of distance or for any other reason, unable to send a sister, such society can be represented by letter. All such letters will be duly considered and any suggestions made in that way will receive the most careful attention.

BESSIE WARVEL PERRY, Sec.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the Month of May

THEOLOGICAL FUND

Reported	\$48 95
Philadelphia, Pa., S. S. C. E.	3 25
Lanark, Ill. "	1 50
Waterloo, Iowa "	1 30
Shiloh, Va. "	2 80
N. Manchester, Ind. "	2 00
Gravelton, " "	1 50
Milford, " "	3 50
Roann, " "	67
Mt. Pleasant, " "	90
Gretna, Ohio "	2 45
Fair View, " "	1 00
Zion Hill, " "	2 50
Dayton " "	1 70
Troy " "	50
Williamstown, O. "	1 45
Miamisburg, O. "	2 00
Homer, O., Ladies Aid Society	1 50
Mrs. Hattie H. Frame, in full on pledge	2 00

To treasurer of Ashland University \$81 47

FOREIGN MISSION

Reported	\$14 05
Middlebranch, Ohio, S. S. C. E.	1 90
Troy, " "	50

Balance \$16 45

HOME MISSIONS

Reported	\$143 44
Syracuse, Ind., S. S. C. E.	1 30
Edna Mills, Ind., "	40
Mt. Pleasant, " "	90
Roann, " "	67
Philadelphia, Pa., "	3 25
Johnstown, " "	3 50
Fair View, Ohio "	1 00
Troy, " "	50
Zion Hill, " "	1 25
Woburn, Md. "	1 30

To treasurer of N. M. B. 10 00

\$147 51

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS FUND

Reported	\$29 67
Brentwood, Calif. S. S. C. E.	1 00
Bethel, Mich. "	70
Waterloo, Iowa "	1 30
Fair View, Ohio "	90
Troy, " "	50
Zion Hill, " "	50
Williamstown, O. "	1 45
Edna Mills, Ind. "	40
Roann, " "	67

With drawn for Holsinger fund 3 00

Balance \$34 09

HOLSINGER FUND

J. C. Cassel, in full on pledge \$6 00

Roann, Ind., S. S. C. E. 1 00
From S. M. fund 3 00

To Brother Holsinger \$10 00

SWIHART FUND

Roann, Ind., S. S. C. E. \$1 00
Mrs. Hannah Loveman 1 00

To Brother Swihart \$2 00

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

South Bend, Ind.

Our Young People

God Leads the Way

Forth from the fatherland
They sailed, a pilgrim band,
Freedom to save.
Storm-tossed and tried their bark
On wintry waters dark;
Faith, like a living spark,
Lighted the wave.

Across the waters drear
We hear their word of cheer:
"God is our stay:
Hope on, whate'er betide,
Trusting the unseen Guide,
He with us will abide;
God leads the way!"

God leads, we follow on,
Thru paths our fathers won
By service high.
Honored the ground they trod,
Sacred the Mayflower sod,
Blessed be the Pilgrim's God—
He still is nigh.

Let us who yet remain
Live as they, not in vain,
For truth and right.

Princes and peers are we,
Serving a conscience free,
Our birthright liberty,
God leads with might.

—Margaret Bradford Morton.

THE EVIL OF ENVY

Luke 15 : 25-32

Topic for August 5.

The story of the prodigal son has furnished material for more sermons than any other passage of scripture. No other story so completely pictures the wandering sinner and the love of God. But most sermons have dealt with the younger and not the elder prodigal, who, it seems, was just as far from the father's love on account of his evil, envious heart.

Distance is nothing to love. A sympathetic heart far away is better than a jealous heart that is near. The younger son was impulsive and openly bad but the elder son was sullen and inwardly selfish. The younger son is the sinner out of the church and the elder son is the sinner in the church. Which is the worst?

Envy is one of the most common sins because it is the direct fruit of selfishness and this is the common parent of all sins. Its only antidote is brotherly love. This can be gotten in ample quantities thru prayer, the Bible, church and good works. It is easier for young people to grow up without envy than to change an envious character once it is acquired.

THE SCRIPTURES ON ENVY

Characteristics of envy:

1. It is cruel. Song of Solomon 8 : 6.
2. It is a work of the flesh. Gal. 5 : 20, 21.
3. It is a sign of babyhood. I Cor. 3 : 3.
4. People who are not to be envied. Prov. 24 : 1, 19; Prov. 23 : 17; Ps. 37 : 1.

Why are sinners not to be envied? Who is to be envied? Why?

5. Commands against envy. I Peter 2 : 1; Rom. 13 : 13; Gal. 5 : 26.

Is the sin of envy named along with drunkenness and stealing because it is as bad as those other sins? Gal. 5 : 20, 21.

6. The example of Jesus as to envy. Luke 22 : 27; John 13 : 13-16.

Can you name other incidents in the life of Jesus showing his freedom from envy?

7. The Christian principle. Rom. 12 : 10; I Tim. 5 : 21; Matt. 20 : 26; Mark 10 : 43; Luke 9 : 48.

Quote other passages which show that Christians ought not envy one another.

FOR OPEN DISCUSSION

1. How is it that "love envieth not?" I Cor. 13 : 4.
2. What does James 3 : 13-18 teach about envy?
3. What can we learn from Joseph and his brethren on the sin of envy? Gen. 37 : 11.
4. What warning does the envy of Dathan and Abiram give us? Ps. 106 : 16, 17; Num. 16.
5. What good teaching on envy did Moses give by his example? Num. 11 : 25-30.
6. Can the envious person be happy?
7. What is the cause of envy?
8. How should we treat one who is envious of us in any way?
9. What would be the effect of an envious person in heaven?
10. How can we utterly rid our lives of envy?

To the leader.

With most societies the first Sunday of the month is the regular monthly business meeting. The committee reports will require some time. See that your meeting is so planned that some slow reader or long talker does not use up all the time and leave the congregation without the real gist of the lesson. It is better to have a few points made clear and pressed home than to have many scriptures mumbled over and not understood.

C. F. YODER.

Lanark, Ill.

I have not written anything for this department for several months and this because of several reasons. First, I was too busy to write a formal article, and secondly, I knew of nothing to write. I have attempted in various ways to learn what difficulties are most met with in society work and confine my articles to an attempted solution of them. But it is next to impossible to learn anything about the condition of our societies. One of two things necessarily follows: either our society work is as good and as effective as our societies would have it be, or else, and God forbid that it is so, we are ashamed to report the actual condition and working power of the society. Certainly it is not what it ought to be, or what we intend that it shall be. We certainly have made some progress during the year. Our work, so far as I can learn, has progressed even under conditions somewhat opposed to progress. It is not what we would have it, but we are not discouraged. I hope we may plan for a larger work the coming year, and to this end we will have some important announcements to make later.

Society Report.—We have no funds to carry on our work and at times we are somewhat hindered. To save postage I want to ask every society to write me as soon as possible after this notice is read and answer the following questions:

1. Number of new members added during the year.
2. Present number of active members.